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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1954

Public Health Department,
Civic Centre,
Wimborne.

TO:-

The Chairman and Councillors of the Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District:-

I have the honour to submit for your information and consideration the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District. The Report is presented as follows:-

A. Vital Statistics.
B. General provisions of Health Services in the Area.
C. Sanitary circumstances of the Area.

1. Water.
2. Sewerage.
3. Dry Refuse and Rodent Control.

D. Factories and Workshops.
E. Housing.
F. Inspection and Supervision of Food
G. Prevalence of Infectious Diseases.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their kindness and consideration. I have much appreciated the help and co-operation given to me by the staff of the public health department, officials in other departments, and by my professional colleagues in practice in the area.

J.B.M. Mayes.

JULY, 1955

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The Public Health and Housing Committees of the Council deal with all matters concerning Public Health.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

J.B. M. Mayes. M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

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W.R. Chick. M.S.I.A.

ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTOR

D.C. Mulley. M.S.I.A. - Resigned July, 1954.

G. Bowers. M.S.I.A. - Meat Inspector. Cert.(October, 1954)

MEAT INSPECTORS

M.H. Stockley. M.S.I.A. - Ccommenced March, 1954. Resigned June, 1954

A. Holmes. M.S.I.A. - Commenced March, 1954.

R.E. Hargreaves. M.S.I.A. - Commenced July, 1954.

W.T. Barton. M.S.I.A. - Commenced August, 1954.

The Medical Officer of Health holds in addition, the following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health to the Wimborne Urban District.

Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Blandford.

Medical Officer of Health to the Blandford Rural District.

School Medical Officer and Assistant Medical Officer to the Dorset County Council.

Office accommodation and clerical assistance is provided for the Medical Officer of Health jointly by the Authorities concerned.

SECTION A

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of district..... 80.868 acres.

Population as estimated by Registrar General..... 22,170

Total number of inhabited houses..... 7,195 estimated.

Rateable value at 1st April, 1954.....£137,463.17.3.

Sum represented by penny rate..... £505.12.3.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR - 1954.

(as supplied by the Registrar General)

LIVE BIRTHS.	Male.	Female.	Total
Total registered.....	153	140	293
Legitimate.....	142	127	269
Illegitimate.....	11	13	24
STILLBIRTHS			
Total registered.....	4	4	8
Legitimate.....	3	4	7
Illegitimate.....	1	-	1
DEATHS			
Total registered.....	127	139	266
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE			
Total registered.....	3	1	4
Legitimate.....	3	-	3
Illegitimate.....	-	1	1
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER FOUR WEEKS OF AGE			
Total registered.....	2	1	3
Legitimate.....	2	-	2
Illegitimate.....	-	1	1

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS	Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District.	England & Wales.
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated home population.	13.21	15.28
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated home population using comparability factor.....	15.86.	
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total (live and still-births).....	26.58	23.37
Death rate per 1,000 estimated home population.	12.0	11.3
Death rate per 1,000 estimated home population using comparability factor.....	8.88	
Death rate of infants under one year of age per 1,000 related live births,.....	13.65.	25.5

The Comparability Factor is worked out for each district by the Registrar General. The purpose of this factor is to level out the differences of age and sex constitution of the population of the various districts and enables more accurate comparisons to be made of birth and death rates in other areas.

There were no deaths from diphtheria, whooping cough, measles, scarlet fever, meningococcal infections, nor from poliomyelitis. There were no maternal deaths.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1954
(Supplied by the Registrar General)

	Male.	Female.	Total
Tuberculosis	0	1	1
Syphilitic disease	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	4	7
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	3	8
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	6	6
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	15	13	28
Leukaemia	0	2	2
Diabetes	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	14	29	43
Coronary disease	30	16	46
Hypertension with heart disease	2	4	6
Other heart disease	14	19	33
Other circulatory disease	10	14	24
Pneumonia	1	0	1
Bronchitis	3	5	8
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	0	3
Ulcer, stomach and duodenum	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	4	3	7
Hyperplasia of prostage	1	0	1
Congenital malformations	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	12	14	26
Motor vehicle accidents	4	0	4
All other accidents	0	3	3
Suicide	3	0	3

COMMENTS ON VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

In 1954, 293 children were born compared with 309 children in 1953. Eight stillbirths were recorded in 1954 compared with seven in 1952. The crude birth rate was 13.21 per 1,000 estimated home population. By applying the comparability factor of 1.2, the standardised birth rate was 15.86. This figure compares favourably with the figure 15.28 for England and Wales.

DEATHS

266 persons died in 1954 compared with 276 the previous year, of these 276, 127 men and 139 women. 183 persons were over 70 years of age.

The crude death rate was 12.0 per 1,000 estimated home population. By applying the comparability factor of 0.74, the standardised death rate was 8.88. This figure compares favourably with the figure 11.3 for England and Wales.

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The Ambulance Service of the District is under the jurisdiction of the Dorset County Council, operating from the Civic Centre, Wimborne, and from Ferndown. A day and night service is maintained.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

The Staff of the Public Health Laboratory at Dorchester and of the Public Health Laboratory at Boscombe have given the district very generous service. They undertake the examination of specimens for the diagnosis of cases, or suspected carriers of any infectious disease, and the bacteriological examination of water, milk, ice cream etc.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

The Dorset County Council provide an Infant Welfare Centre once a week in Wimborne, twice a month in Ferndown and Verwood, and once a month in Sixpenny Handley.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC

The Dorset County Council provide an Ante-Natal Clinic twice a month in Wimborne.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

The Dorset County Council have provided a service in Wimborne and surrounding district, which has proved satisfactory.

SECTION C
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The Bournemouth and District Water Company and the Borough of Poole Water Undertaking are the Statutory Water Undertakers for the parishes of Colehill, Hampreston, West Parley, part of Pamphill, Corfe Mullen, Shapwick and Sturminster Marshall.

All developed parts of these parishes have a satisfactory water supply except Sturminster Marshall, part of which is at present supplied from a temporary source, pending the completion of the Borough of Poole's new works in the parish.

The Rural District Council is responsible for the remainder of the district and piped supplies are available in Alderholt, Chalbury, Cranborne, Edmondsham, Gussage St. Michael, Holt, Horton, Long Crichel, Moor Crichel, Verwood and Woodlands.

Main laying was completed at Handley but adequate supplies will not be available for general use until the Chase Farm Reservoir and Woodcutts Booster Station are in use - it is anticipated that both these units will be operating in July, 1955.

Main laying is proceeding at Gussage All Saints, Hinton Martell, and Wimborne St. Giles, and supplies should be available in these Parishes before the end of 1955. Also, a bulk supply from the Council's source will be available for the private piped supply at Hinton Parva.

Cranborne, Edmondsham and Alderholt are supplied from the Council's deep borehole at Cranborne and will be connected to the new Stanbridge source on completion of main laying at Wimborne St. Giles.

Verwood was connected to the new Stanbridge source in October, and the source at Boveridge Heath, Verwood, and the bulk supplies from the West Hants Water Company will in future only be used in cases of emergency.

It is anticipated that contracts for main laying in the remaining parish of Pentridge will be considered late in 1955.

The majority of the dwelling houses supplied have an internal supply - a few temporary structures at Verwood have standpipes. Many of the cottages at Crichel and Witchampton, previously supplied from private sources also have standpipes, but these will be provided with indoor facilities as the premises are modernised and connected to the new mains.

Of an estimated population of 8,700 in the Council's statutory area of supply, approximately 4,600 are receiving a piped supply at the present time.

Water Samples

Private

Parish CLASSIFICATIONS:-	1.	2.	3.	4.	Total
Cranborne.	4	-	1	1	6
Corfe Mullen.	1	-	-	1	2
Colehill.	-	-	-	1	1
Chalbury.	1	-	-	-	1
Edmondsham.	-	-	-	1	1
Gussage St. Michaels.	2	-	-	-	2
Gussage All Saints.	1	-	1	4	6
Hampreston.	1	-	-	-	1
Horton.	3	-	1	2	6
Hinton Martell.	1	1	-	5	7
Holt.	8	-	2	4	14
Pamphill.	1	-	-	-	1
Sixpenny Handley.	5	1	-	-	6
Sturminster Marshall.	4	-	3	5	12

WATER SAMPLES

Private Parish	Classification:- 1.	2.	3.	4.	Total
Shapwick.	3	-	-	-	3
Verwood.	1	1	1	3	6
Woodlands.	2	-	-	-	2
West Parley.	-	-	-	1	1
Wimborne St. Giles.	2	1	3	2	8
Witchampton.	3	-	1	2	6
Public					
Alderholt.	11	-	-	-	11
Crichel.	9	-	-	-	9
Cranborne.	9	-	-	-	9
Corfe Mullen.	4	-	1	-	5
Colehill.	2	-	-	-	2
Hampreston.	1	-	-	-	1
Sturminster Marshall.	7	-	-	-	7
Sixpenny Handley.	1	-	-	-	1
Verwood.	11	-	-	-	11
West Parley.	2	-	-	-	2
Witchampton.	3	1	-	-	4

Explanation of the standards and classification of water. Based on presumptive findings.
Non-chlorinated piped supplies. Presumptive coli-aerogenes count per 100 ml.

Class 1 -	Highly satisfactory -	less than 1
Class 2 -	Satisfactory.	1 - 2
Class 3 -	Suspicious.	3 -10
Class 4 -	Unsatisfactory.	Greater than 10.

Throughout the year, 50 per cent of samples should fall into Class 1; 80 per cent should not fall below Class 2; the remainder should not fall below Class 3.
In chlorinated piped supplies the water should fall into Class 1.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Progress in making connections to the sewers at Cranborne continues to be extremely slow. Much of the pollution in the river still remains and will continue to do so until all the houses in and around the Square have connection to the sewer.

The Parishes on the southern and eastern borders of the Rural District have continued to grow rapidly. The shortage of well drained land has resulted in development in areas which are not suited for cesspool drainage. The Council has been unsuccessful in its efforts to retard such development and is considering the provision of main drainage for these areas.

During 1955, the village of Sixpenny Handley may present a problem similar to that which arose at Cranborne some years ago. It is a compact village with inadequate land for disposal of waste water. At present, water for the village is obtained either from deep wells or from main water storage tanks and consumption per head is well below a reasonable standard.
It is hoped a main water supply will be available in 1955, thus there will be an increased consumption of water which will obviously require much better drainage arrangements.
Early next year, the Council will be considering the provision of main drainage for this village. It is most essential that a sewerage scheme be preceeded with concurrently with the provision of piped water. This will enable the Council and other property owners to proceed with modernisation and improvement schemes and enable the owners of premises from which food is handled or sold to equip themselves with ample supplies of hot and cold water without the fear of a possible nuisance being caused with the waste water.

SCAVENGING

The present labour and transport has been taxed to the limit by the ever increasing number of new houses. The increasing quantities of refuse collected necessitate the use of additional labour at the tips. The hygienic disposal of the material is as important as proper collections.

CLEANSING SERVICE

This service has been inundated with orders during the year and in September the decision was made to purchase a further vehicle to cope with the extra work. This additional unit should be in service by February, 1955, and will help in considerably reducing delays in completing orders. At times during peak periods the time lag has been over a fortnight and it can be appreciated that in such circumstances considerable hardship has been caused to the unfortunate occupiers of properties.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The number of camping sites in the area licensed for 203 caravans is six.

92 licences were issued during the year to station moveable dwellings.

The position regarding permanently occupied vans remains very much the same as last year. One additional site for 48 vans has been licenced and is laid out in accordance with the Council's regulations.

It is obvious that the legislation almost 20 years old, which governs the use and licensing of moveable dwellings is outdated and inadequate to deal with new conditions which have arisen post-war.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One owner of a Pet Shop registered under the above Act.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT - 1951

Two upholsterers' premises are registered under the above Act.

RODENT CONTROL

No serious infestations have come to light during the year, and the Rodent Operator has continued to deal with this nuisance by inspections and action on complaint.

pe of Vermin RATS	Total	Council Premises	Private Premises	Business Premises.	Agricultural
tal number of visits de by staff.....	1661	4	1316	277	64
tal number of emises inspected on complaint	179	2	134	35	8
on survey.	1480	-	1182	242	56
tal number of emises found infested on complaint	122	2	100	20	-
on survey.	237	2	200	35	-
mber of premises eated.....	181	2	130	39	10
mber of premises eared.....	1[illegible]0	1	111	20	8
-treated and eared.....	31	-	21	6	4

Type of Vermin	Total	Council Premises	Private Premises.	Business Premises	Agricultural.
RATS					
Number of pre-baits laid.....	5120	620	3095	1125	280
Number of poison baits laid.....	151	10	100	31	10
Number of post-baits laid.....	372	70	140	102	60
Number of instances where other methods used...	3969	-	2404	1305	260
Estimated number of rats destroyed.	2285	200	1095	960	30
Number of bodies of rats recovered.	1390	60	1000	320	10
MICE					
Number of complaints received.....	27	-	15	12	-
Number of premises treated.....	27	-	15	12	-
Number of premises cleared.....	19	-	10	9	-
Other vermin.	-	-	-	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 (Amendment Act) 1951 - removal of persons in need of care and attention.

No action has been necessary under the Act.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS 1949

Eight dairies are registered in the area:-

Licences issued:-

Dealer's Licences.....	Tuberculin Tested.....	7
	Pasteurised.....	7
Supplementary Licences.....	Tuberculin Tested.....	6
	Pasteurised.....	6

SECTION D

Number of factories registered in the district..... 84

Number of inspections during the year..... 56

Factories and Workshops
The Factories Act, 1937 - Part One of the Act.

PREMISES.	Number on Register.	Inspections
1. Factories in which no mechanical power is used.....	17	11
2. Factories in which mechanical power is used.....	67	45
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).....	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	84	56

Number of cases in which defects were found:-

Particulars.	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M Inspector
1. Want of cleanliness.....	2	2	-
2. Sanitary conveniences			
(a) insufficient	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective.....	2	2	-
3. Other offences against the Act..	1	1	-

OUTWORKERS

There were 69 outworkers employed during 1954. No infectious disease occurred during the year in any of the premises where the outworkers were employed.

SECTION E
HOUSING

Improvement Grant

During 1954 an increased number of applications was received, including several where work had been completed. The public do not appear to understand that the Local Authority must first approve schemes before any work is commenced.

Although the type and the amount of help available by Local Authorities was widely publisized, it does not appear to have made much impression on the general public.
The Council's policy of encouraging suitable improvement schemes will prove of great benefit to the area.

Section 21 of the Housing (Rent and Repairs) Act.

No applications for certificates have been received. At present this section of the Act has made very little impact on either owners or occupiers. This year the amount of work done on the Housing Survey has been small due to the resignation of the Additional Sanitary Inspector and to the fact that additional work was necessary at the Abattoir before the third inspector was appointed.

The number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation..... 16

The number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority, or their Officers...10

The number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to (a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works or (b) the making of demolition or closing orders..... 3

The number of notices served requiring the execution of works..... 1

The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices..... Nil

The number of demolition or closing orders made..... 1

The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under subsection (2) of section nineteen of the Housing Act, 1930..... 1

The number of houses demolished..... Nil

SECTION F
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MEAT INSPECTION

The new Abattoir at Uddens opened late in March and was operated by the Ministry of Food until October when the Council agreed to assume control until the end of January, 1955. Since October, there has been a noticeable improvement in the general conditions and there is excellent co-operation between the Council's staff and the Manager.

Although representatives of the Ministry of Food had stated that two Inspectors were sufficient to undertake Meat Inspection duties, it became clear by July that a third inspector was essential, and the decision was taken to proceed with such an appointment. Although it has had the effect of reducing the number of hours worked by each officer, the three inspectors are working additional hours each week over and above normal.

The conditions of some of the transport in which meat is conveyed is still unsatisfactory. In some cases the vehicles are old and in need of early replacement. The Inspectors have spent much time in seeing that floors are covered before meat is laid thereon.

Licences were granted for the re-opening of two small private slaughterhouses, and one application to re-open was refused. Subsequently the Council resolved that as adequate slaughtering facilities were available, they would be opposed to the issue of any further slaughterhouse licences.

In my opinion, the relaxation of the regulations requiring the staining of meat and offal unfit for human consumption was unwise.

It is encouraging to note that this Council, together with other progressive bodies are pressing that this enactment be restored, at least as an interim measure. It is to be hoped that the ultimate result will be a legal requirement that all condemned meat and offal must be sterilised before leaving the premises on which it has been slaughtered.

Close liaison is maintained by the department with the Divisional Veterinary Officer, who is advised of all cases of Tuberculosis arising from hords within the County of Dorset, and also of all cases of congenital tuberculosis in calves. The Medical Officer of Health of the Local Authority concerned is advised of cases of generalised tuberculosis and cysticercus Bovis

CARCASES INSPECTED.

A. - Abattoir. P.-Private Slaughter-house.

	CATTLE		CALVES.		SHEEP & LAMBS		PIGS.	
	A.	P.	A.	P.	A.	P.	A.	P
Number of animals killed.....	7594.	48.	2598.	3.	14888.	93.	8079.	28.
Number inspected.	7594.	48.	2598.	3.	14888.	93.	8079.	28.
Whole carcases condemned - all diseases except tuberculosis.....	43	-	37	-	29	-	84	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B...	49	7	18	-	14	-	27	-
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcases condemned.....	44	-	4	-	-	-	6	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned-TB.	582	-	-	-	-	-	266	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.	8	-	0.15	-	-	-	3	-
Number of animals killed in emergency.	80	1	8	-	18	-	642	-

The total weight of meat condemned was..... $80\frac{1}{2}$ tons.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS 1949

The Sanitary Inspectors and Sampling Officers of the County Council have taken routine samples of milk, either produced or distributed in the area.
A summary is given below:-

Alderholt 9 samples taken.	3 pasteurised, 1 T.T. 5 non-designated - All satisfactory
Colehill 4 samples taken.	3 pasteurised, 1 T.T. All satisfactory.
Corfe Mullen 11 samples taken	8 pasteurised, 3 non-designated - all satisfactory.
Cranborne 4 samples taken.	1 T.T. - satisfactory 3 non-designated - 2 Satisfactory, 1 failed.
Farnham 1 sample taken.	1 non-designated - satisfactory
Hampreston 81 samples taken.	61 pasteurised, 1 accredited, 19 non-designated. 2 non-designated failed, all others satisfactory.
Holt 10 samples taken.	3 T.T., 7 Non-designated - All satisfactory.
Pamphill. 1 sample taken.	1 pasteurised - Satisfactory.
Sixpenny Handley. 4 samples taken.	3 raw, 1 non-designated - all satisfactory.
Sturminster Marshall and Bailey Gate. 60 samples taken.	52 pasteurised, 4 non-designated, 4 T.T. All satisfactory.
Verwood 21 samples taken.	20 pasteurised, 1 T.T. - all satisfactory.
West Parley. 13 samples taken.	10 non-designated - 8 satisfactory, 2 failed. 2 pasteurised. - satisfactory. 1 accredited. - satisfactory.
Wimborne St. Giles 2 samples taken	1 T.T. and 1 non-designated - both satisfactory.
Witchampton. 3 samples taken.	3 non-designated. - both satisfactory.
Woodcutts. 4 samples taken.	4 pasteurised. - all satisfactory.

METHYLENE BLUE TEST

This is used by the Public Health Laboratory for all Milk. It indicates the keeping quality by the time taken to reduce methylene blue under defined conditions.

ICE CREAM.

The number of premises licensed has increased from 54 to 61.

The following samples were taken during the year:-

Parish	Grades 1.	2.	3.	4.	Total
Alderholt.	7.	1.	2.	2.	12
Cranborne.	3.	1.	-.	-.	4
Corfe Mullen.	23.	1.	-.	-.	24
Colehill.	11.	3.	1.	-.	15
Gussage All Saints.	3	-	-	-	3
Hampreston.	59	5	1	-	65
Holt.	5	2	-	-	7
Horton.	2	-	-	-	2
Hinton Martell.	1	2	-	-	3
Sturminster Marshall.	9	1	-	-	10

Parish	Grades 1.	2.	3.	4.	Total.
Sixpenny Handley.	4	-	-	-	4
Shapwick.	1	1	-	-	2
Verwood.	24	4	2	1	31
West Parley.	35	10	5	7	57
Witchampton.	4	1	1	-	6

Provisional Grades of Ice Cream

Provisional Grade.	Time taken to reduce methylene blue.
Grade 1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ hours or more
Grade 2	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 hours
Grade 3	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 hours
Grade 4.	0

NOTE:-

Judgment should be based on a series of samples. It is suggested that over a six-monthly period, 50 per cent of a vendor's samples should fall into Grade 1, 80 per cent into Grades 1 and 2, not more than 20 per cent into Grade 3 and none into Grade 4.

The following food was condemned during the year, and condemnation certificates issued in respect of the following:-

$97\frac{1}{4}$ lbs imported beef.
16 lbs pig skin and trimmings.
11 lbs minced beef.
47 lbs frozen rabbit carcases.
5 lbs 12 ozs tinned corned beef.
21 lbs 14 ozs cod.
56 lbs oatmeal.
28 lbs margarine.
2 lbs tinned apricots.

INSPECTION OF REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES.

When necessary the occupiers have been advised the measures which are necessary to improve the standard of hygiene in their premises.

Food and Catering Premises.

Number of food premises in area	109
Number of butchers	12
Number of fishmongers	5
Number of grocers	69
Number of greengrocers	30
Number of confectioners	74
Number of restaurants	12
Number of bakers	14

Number of Food Premises registerd under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act:-

Grocers	36
Restaurants	12
Confectioners	3
Greengrocers	1
Milk retailers	1
Miscellaneous	1
Dairies registered	12

SECTION G
PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases notified during the year:-

Scarlet fever	23
Whooping cough	103
Measles	4
Acute Pneumonia	13
Erysipelas	9
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Dysentery	1
Tuberculosis	10
Poliomyelitis	3

TUBERCULOSIS

At the end of December, 1954, the following cases were registered:-

Pulmonary - 53 Males, 48 Females. Non-Pulmonary - 11 Males, 12 Females.

There has been no outbreak of food poisoning during the year.

AGE INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN THE AREA DURING 1954.

Year.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Measles.	Pneumonia.	Erysipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia	Dysentery	Polio-myelitis.
nder 1.		9	1					Par=paralytic N-Par= Non-paralytic.
- 2		10	1					
- 4	1	19	1					
- 9	15	57	1					1 Par.
0-14	7	2						
5-24				6				1 Par. 1 N-Par.
5 and over.		6		7	9	1	1	
5 and over.				Tuberculosis 10				